



Year 12 Final Address to the Graduating Class

Good morning and welcome to our Year 12 Graduation assembly.

To our honored guests - thank you for being with us this morning...

A very warm welcome also to our dedicated staff, and to the parents, grandparents, and carers here today.

Your support and guidance have been instrumental in this journey.

Most importantly, to the **Year 12 graduating students**, a very special welcome to you. This day is all about celebrating your achievements.

Parents, today marks the culmination of 13 years of Catholic education for your children—an education you thoughtfully chose because it embodies **Lasallian values** and follows the example of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your unwavering support, especially over the past two years of their HSC journey.

Graduates, I hope you are proud to have been educated in a Lasallian Catholic school, a place defined by its:

- **Catholic values and personal relationships**
- **Emphasis on academic and vocational excellence**
- **Faith formation**
- **Respect for the individual**
- **Commitment to service and social justice**

As you move on to new opportunities, please don't let the busyness of life overshadow the core Lasallian principles:

faith in the presence of God,

concern for the poor and social justice,

and respect for all people.

I urge you to embrace these principles as you begin the next chapter of your lives.

Over the past two years, I have had the privilege of witnessing your growth. I have seen your academic dedication, your commitment to social justice and charity events, your engagement in the

arts and sports, and your participation in our liturgies. Most of all, I have seen your maturity flourish in your relationships with one another and with the College staff.

I want to acknowledge the incredible efforts of our Year 12 Captains and Vice Captains:

Isabelle Fletcher, Hudson Peterson,

Alysha Mobberley Barreto, Dylan Pisani.

To them, and all the student leaders of 2025, thank you for your collective time and service to our College. Each of you in Year 12, regardless of your role, has left a lasting legacy for the students who follow. For this, I thank you sincerely.

To our parents and carers, thank you for entrusting us with the education of your sons and daughters. It has been a privilege to work with them in the classroom, get to know them in the homeroom, and build relationships in the many activities they have so enthusiastically embraced.

Thank you for the love, guidance, and patience you have provided.

To our staff, I extend my heartfelt thanks.

To the leadership team—Mrs. Hughes, Mr. Cullerton, Mrs. Slater, Mr Munro, Mr Reilly, and Mrs. Schipp—you have been a wonderful support to both our Year 12 students and to me personally.

Thank you to Mr Robertson for his tireless efforts with this graduating class.

To all our College staff and support staff, your dedication to living your ministry as Lasallian Catholic teachers is truly inspiring.

Your care and concern for these students is a key priority, and I feel honored to lead such a fine group of professionals. This Year 12 cohort has set a wonderful example and will leave a lasting legacy for our college. We are incredibly proud of the high standards you've set with your approach to your work and studies. Your work ethic is a testament to your dedication, whether you've pursued an ATAR pathway or have shown great skill and effort in vocational studies. You have all left an immense mark on the younger students in Years 7, 8, and 11, and we are proud of every single one of you.

Graduates, as you look to the future, remember this:

you can't climb the ladder of success with your hands in your pockets.

Continue to do great things, and always remember to live your life with the principles of **G.E.M.:**
Gratitude, Empathy, and Mindfulness.

I have every confidence that you are women and men of great potential. You simply need to take advantage of the gifts you have, and the support, opportunities, and sense of responsibility that your Lasallian Catholic education has given you.

I'd like to leave you with two special quotes to guide you:

From St. John Baptist De La Salle:

“Do not have any anxiety about the future. Leave everything in God’s hands for he will take care of you.”

And from Pope Leo, as you enter adult life:

"Aspire to great things, to holiness, where ever you are.

Do not settle for less.

Then you will see the light of the Gospel grow every day, within you and around you."

Graduating Class of 2025, we send you forth with our congratulations, our love, and our blessings into the new chapters of your lives.

Thank you.